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***In the Claims:***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) Device for continuous manufacture of drip irrigation tubes, comprising an extruding device (1) for producing a tube body (2), a calibrating device (3), and a cooling device (19) for the tube body (2), a feed apparatus (5) for feeding dosing elements (6) into the tube body (2) along a guideway (4), and means for connecting the dosing elements (6) to the inner walling of the tube body (2), comprising a pressing element (17) which is formed by the end area of the guideway (4) and which protrudes into the extruded tube body (2), and a pressing roller (18) which is able to be pressed against the tube body (2) from the exterior in the region of the pressing element (17), the calibrating device (3) being formed by a tubular body (22) whose feed region (23) narrows to the desired diameter of the tube body (2) and whose longitudinally elongated body area (24) protrudes into the cooling device (19), and is provided with a recess (27) into which the pressing member (18) protrudes so that the pressing and connecting process of the dosing elements (9) with respect to the inner walling of the tube body (22) ensues inside the calibrating device (3), characterized in that the pressing roller (18) has an indentation (20), which corresponds to the outer contour of the tube body (2) in the region of the calibrating device (3), and in that at least at the bottom of the indentation (20) of the pressing roller (18) a marking structure (21) is applied running over the entire circumference, which marking structure is transferable to the surface of the tube body (2) in the region of the respective dosing element (6), and serves location of the position of the respective dosing element (6) for putting in the outlet aperture.

2. (Original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the recess (27) in the longitudinally elongated body area (24) of the tubular body (22) has the form of a slot which extends from the end (29) of the longitudinally elongated body area (24), protruding into the cooling device (19), to the walling (26) closing off the cooling device (19), through which the longitudinally elongated body area (24) is led into the cooling device (19).

3. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~[[~~of 2,~~]]~~ characterized in that the pressing pressure of the pressing roller (18) against the tube body (2) is adjustable.

4. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~[[one of the claims 1 to 3,]]~~ characterized in that the feed apparatus (4, 5) comprises a separating device (7), into which the next of the continuously fed dosing elements (6) is able to be captured in each case, ejected in a way guided onto the guideway (4), and inserted into the tube body (2) by means of an airstream along the guideway (4).

5. (Original) Device according to claim 4, characterized in that the separating device (7) is made up of two drivable rollers (8, 9), disposed opposite one another, and in that in each case one dosing element (6') of the continuously fed dosing elements (6) is able to be captured by the two rollers (8, 9), brought into a waiting position, and ejected therefrom onto the guideway (4).

6. (Original) Device according to claim 5, characterized in that installed in the guideway (4) is a sensor (13), with which the reaching of the waiting position of the respective dosing element (6') is detectable.

7. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 4, ~~[[one of the claims 4 to 6,]]~~ characterized in that the airstream is producible with air jets (14), which are formed by supply lines (15) that come out into the guideway (4), and in that the supply lines (15) are disposed such that the airstream coming out in each case hits the dosing element (6), to be advanced, at an angle of about 25°.

8. (New) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the pressing pressure of the pressing roller against the tube body is adjustable.

9. (New) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the feed apparatus comprises a separating device, into which the next of the continuously fed dosing elements is able to be captured in each case, ejected in a way guided onto the guideway, and inserted into the tube body by means of an airstream along the guideway.

10. (New) Device according to claim 3, characterized in that the feed apparatus comprises a separating device, into which the next of the continuously fed dosing elements is able to be captured in each case, ejected in a way guided onto the guideway, and inserted into the tube body by means of an airstream along the guideway.

11. (New) Device according to claim 5, characterized in that the airstream is producible with air jets, which are formed by supply lines that come out into the guideway, and in that the supply lines are disposed such that the airstream coming out in each case hits the dosing element, to be advanced, at an angle of about 25°.

12. (New) Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the airstream is producible with air jets, which are formed by supply lines that come out into the guideway, and in that the supply lines are disposed such that the airstream coming out in each case hits the dosing element, to be advanced, at an angle of about 25°.